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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed 22 August 2001, setting a time for response to expire on 22 November 2001. A petition for an extension of time of two (2) months until 22 January 2002 in which to respond is attached herewith along with the required fee. Claims 27-29, 31, 33, and 41-54 were rejected in the Office Action. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendments and remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Enclosed is the following Exhibit A:

Exhibit A: Marked-up version of amendments to the claims

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